

EL MACHETE.

The Weapon That Is Winning
Cuba's Freedom.

BY A CUBAN INSURGENT ON
RABI'S STAFF.

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Had it not been for the efficiency of the machete in the hands of the brave patriots, the cause of Cuba's liberty must have been irretrievably lost before this time. It is this weapon that is winning Cuba's freedom, for at the beginning of the present revolt there were but a few hundred rifles in the possession of the insurgents, and until the Bermuda landed her cargo on the island only an occasional filibustering expedition, and these carrying small supplies, had managed to elude the vigilance of the Spaniards watch dogs.

The ease of the transmission from an implement of husbandry to a weapon and the fearful effectiveness of the machete when employed against human flesh instead of sugar cane or log-wood has made this great cutlass from time immemorial an important factor in private quarrels in Cuba, and the patriots were not slow to perceive its advantages when they began their struggle for liberty. It was the one weapon with which every peasant was familiar. Even had these poor mountaineers been versed in the handling of streams the supply of the latter was so precarious that a large proportion of their troops would have been quite useless but for the cutlase; and a terrible foe have these machete-men proved themselves in dozens of encounters.

CUTLASE AGAINST BAYONET.
It requires a sufficient amount of bravery to stand up before a line of bayoneted men, and then it was too late, for their ranks were shattered by the impetuous onset of the Cubans, and only a bare handful of the detachment escaped the deadly machete. Always the news is of the same

character, for in such fighting the mercenary is no match for the son of the soil striking for his home and for that principle of liberty which was embodied in our own constitution by such a ghastly expenditure of life. The Spanish generals have tried the experiment of arming their troops also with the machete, but it was found to be almost useless in the hands of the inexperienced, and the insurgents still have a monopoly of its terrors. The mere shout of "Al machete!" has been known to create a panic in the enemy's columns, and it is dreaded with reason, for there is preserved in the Madrid museum of artillery a rifle which, during the ten years' war, was cut squarely in two, wood, steel and all, by a single stroke of a cutlass.

The last battle of any size which has been reported was on March 24, the same day on which General Gomez captured the important town of Santa Clara, and after holding it for five hours, retreated before a superior force carrying with him over 200,000 cartridges besides a supply of arms and clothing. The forces engaged took place midway between Guana and La Fe in the Pinar del Rio province. The insurgents attacked the Wadras battalion and although the Spaniards were drawn up in a square with a protecting force of cavalry, they were quite unable to withstand the fierce onslaught of the machete-armed warriors, who severed them in every direction, using their keen weapons with fatal effect during both the fight and the pursuit.

FORMERLY AN IMPLEMENT OF PEACE.
It is not surprising that the Cuban should be so wonderfully proficient in handling this weapon when one reflects what it is to him in times of peace; it is then about as comprehensive an implement as could be devised; he used it for anything from peeling a stick of sugar-cane to felling a tree a foot and a half in diameter, and it is really a rare sight to see a peasant without his cutlass, either carried in his hand or swinging in a long leather sheath. In appearance it is much like a corn knife, but is usually longer and heavier, with a home-made handle incomparably more comfortable than the blister-raising device which every country boy uses in cutting down a row of corn. The ready-made handles of horn look like quite the proper thing to the novice, but the veteran machete man is almost sure to discard this as a snare

and a delusion, substituting a piece of wood carefully cut out to fit his hand and bound around ingeniously with twine to hold the blade firm and give a good grip. So attached do these men become to their own particular implements that you can materially lessen your best workman's efficiency by starting him out with a strange machete; indeed, he is more than likely to refuse to work at all under such conditions. Naturally, the choice of such a constant companion is a weighty matter, and however poverty stricken a man may be he will pay a full price for a blade that exactly suits him. His test is a severe one. Laying the machete flat on the ground he stands on one end and bends the blade until the handle almost touches the point—requiring precisely the same degree of flexibility as made the old Damascus sword so famous. If the steel survives this treatment and gives out the proper note when struck sharply, hardly anything he has is too precious to secure it. Constant filing keeps the blade in a razor-like condition even through the hard usage it has to undergo, and if he be building a hut he will cut the palm leaf thatch and the yaguas to cover the walls, fell and trim the logs for the framework, and even hew out

the palm boards, all with the same blade, while the yams which are dug up with the point are often cut into eatable portions with the edge.

The ease with which one of these sturdy fellows swings his machete all day under the scorching sun in the cornfield or the forest, would make an inexperienced onlooker think it a simple matter, and it is not until he has attacked a slender sapling with terrible force only to find the blade turn as it strikes and make the slightest of cuts, that he realizes the amount of skill and "knack" necessary to bring out all its virtues. For the expert employs comparatively little muscular strength. He has the machete balanced exactly right and as sharp as a file can make it, and then, with a dexterous swing and a drawing motion, buries the wide blade in the wood, generally at a sharp angle, allowing the handle to rest loosely in his palm at the moment of contact, so as to get the benefit of the full momentum. He can cut away from his body towards it, up, down, sideways, backhanded, against a solid trunk or through swinging, elusive vines—all with this unerring blow, and no matter how thick the tangle of growth about him catching at his arm and weapon he hardly ever loses himself.

On holidays out comes the extra blade, the media cinita, longer, narrower



WHEN CUBAN MEETS SPANIARD.

er and lighter than the other; the leather belt too prosaic for this favorite knife, so a gaudy, great silk handkerchief, is passed through the sheath slit, itself as decorative as a Mexican's stirrup leather, and in this festive attire the gallant struts forth prepared to cut a maya blossom for his sweetheart or split a successful rival's head if his jealousy be goaded too far. The children measure their height by the length of the blade, and when the ambitious youngster can strap on his father's machete and walk without having the point trailing on the ground, he feels himself a man indeed.

With such a life-long course of training it is small wonder that the Cuban should have distinguished himself and his machete when it became his chief defense against his oppressor.

SEALED THE BILL WITH A KISS.
Unless the Geneva Times has been misinformed a certain dentist of that town has paid pretty dear for his whistle. It says that a fair young lady of Waterloo has been having considerable dental work done at Geneva. It is said that when the dentist had completed the job he pronounced the work done in a most satisfactory manner and in order to seal the statement in proper form, according to his notion, planted a kiss on the lips of the young lady in question. The young lady, conscious of his Waterloo, did not scream. She assumed her most dignified air and looking the dentist squarely in the face, asked him for her bill. The dentist gallantly informed her that it was \$50. "Very well," said the young lady, as she turned to go, "that has been liquidated. I have your receipt in full." Thereupon she left his parlor. The doctor was dumfounded. He was nonplussed. It took him several days to recover from the shock and to realize that it was a \$50 kiss he gave to the Waterloo young lady. It is said that he will not send his bill to her parents but will charge the item to the profit and loss account of his business.

PUN-DITS.
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Professor—Why does she go on land?
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FOR THE SUMMER GIRL.
The newest grass-cloths come in narrow stripes of lace insertion or satin hair stripes of delicate green, blue or yellow.
The bell-shaped skirt will be much trimmed with rows of lace insertion or narrow ribbons, either of which give the desired weight and body to the diaphanous summer fabrics.
The pretty burnt straw, or Panama sailor, is prettiest when trimmed only with a band of black velvet and worn with a thin white veil, edged with a row of narrow lace.
Belts are very, very narrow, or very, very wide; some of the latest measuring quite four inches in depth, are clasped with buckles resembling old-fashioned door plates both in size and shape.
New figures come in deep shades of red, blue and green, or in pale yellow and pink. The former, when relieved with much white embroidery or lace, have a distinctive style all of their own.
The latest skirt waists have wide, white turn-back linen cuffs and deep collar, and are finished with a narrow strip of stiffened white linen as a button-hole piece, which gives an added touch of freshness.
Lingerie is shown at the leading shops in bewildering variety, and now that the white skirt will soon be seen on the promenade, it, too, is shown in all the shapes and trimmed in profusion with narrow embroidered ruffles.
Pretty blouse waists to wear with black satin skirts are made of flowered sash ribbons, with the addition of a soft vest of lace or chiffon to complete the front. The sleeves should be of satin, like the skirt, or of black chiffon over black.
And, by the way, there is really nothing cleaner for warm weather or daintier than the white skirt—one comes in from a dusty promenade and it is consigned to the wash tub, where, as the silk petticoat, even after being thoroughly brushed, is never quite clean again.
The one-color room is the very latest fad among house decorators; it may be green, yellow or Delft-blue, but whatever the motif chosen, it must be quite unrelieved by any other color; therefore such rooms are not for the general public, as they must needs be designed by a veritable artist.

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Cases of this "Ox-
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Pairs are in the house
Black or Tan, good
value at \$2.50. WILL
BE ON SALE MON-
DAY AND TUES-
DAY AT
\$1.65

Wednesday and Thursday

GOLF AND BICYCLE SUITINGS

FOR OUTING DRESSES. THIS CLOTH WAS BOUGHT TO SELL FOR 30 CENTS. WHEN IT CAME IN
WE MARKED 25 CENTS, THE SAME PRICE IT WAS RETAILING FOR IN NEW YORK.

THESE GOODS WILL BE ON OUR COUNTERS IN THE

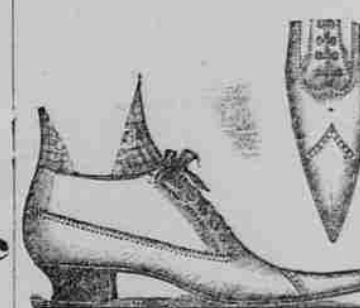
Wash Goods Department, Wednesday & Thursday at **12c**

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

ANOTHER BARGAIN IN WASH GOODS

Amoskeag Three-Star Gingham.

This Cloth we need say very little about. It is too well known. Retail
price last year was 20 cents. Friday and Saturday of this week you can
buy all you want of the new spring patterns for



Do You Notice!

We will sell Shoes this week.
This price only good for two days.
It is our beautiful tan and black Ox-
ford Ties that we are selling for \$2.50.
If you come Friday or Saturday you
can take them away for

\$2.45

SKIRTS

Monday and Tuesday

Ladies' BLACK SATEEN SKIRT, a
good quality of sateen, with 16-inch
umbrella ruffle

90c

Extra Fine

Black Sateen SKIRT, 12-inch corded
umbrella ruffle, a very desirable sum-
mer skirt, sheds the dust and is very
light weight

\$1.25

Extra Fine Quality

FAST BLACK Percealine Skirt with
filled yoke band, eighteen inch umbrel-
la cuffs, extra wide, worth \$2.25

\$1.50

BOOKS

Those 50 cents cloth covered novels
that you have heard about will be on
sale every day this week in the morn-
ing only at

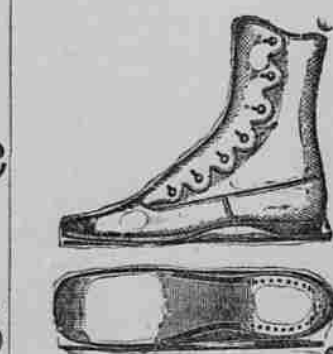
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CARPETS

Any Carpet bought this week costing
over 50 cents per yard will be made
and laid FREE OF CHARGE.

Have Just Come In

\$2.50



CHILDREN'S TAN SHOES, 5 TO 10 1/2, ALL GO AT THE SAME PRICE.

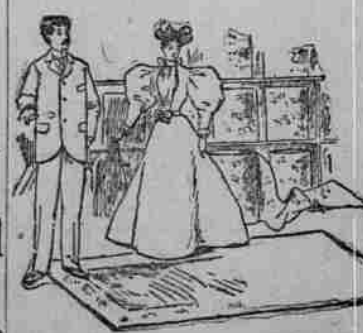
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WORTH \$1.75, FOR

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ABOUT WILL BE ON SALE EVERY
DAY THIS WEEK, IN THE MORN-
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CARPETS AND RUGS

WE DON'T NEED TO SAY VERY MUCH ABOUT THIS DEPARTMENT.
MENT. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE TRADE
FOR THE LAST WEEK. WE WANT TO SAY FOR THE BENEFIT OF
SOME CUSTOMERS, THAT HAVE COME IN.
SIGNS IN CARPETS, THAT THEY HAVE COME IN.

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VELOPES, TABLETS, SIZES AND
TINTS IN KEEPING WITH THE
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